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ABSTRACT

This book explores the lives of people who have shaped the laws and legal system of the United States and describes their impact on the U.S. Constitution. The new government's beginnings are examined in unit 1, through the pitfalls and triumphs of the First Continental Congress. The role of John Marshall, the First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who defined the nature of America's judicial branch of government, is outlined. The next unit follows Dorothea Dix in her struggle to reform America's prison system. Unit 4 discusses Dred Scott, whose landmark case helped define some of the issues underlying the Civil War. Unit 5 investigates famous lawmen and outlaws in the old West. Discussion of the Pinkertons and the James Gang, the Earps, and the Clantons reveals insights about law enforcement that spans both the 19th and 20th centuries. Unit 6 explores contrasting styles of executive leadership including Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, President Theodore Roosevelt, and Governor John Altgeld. Unit 7 describes the role of legal advocates through the lives of defense lawyer Clarence Darrow and prosecutor Thomas Dewey. Finally, unit 8 examines the civil rights movement. Each unit includes photos, discussion questions and follow-up activities. (RSL)

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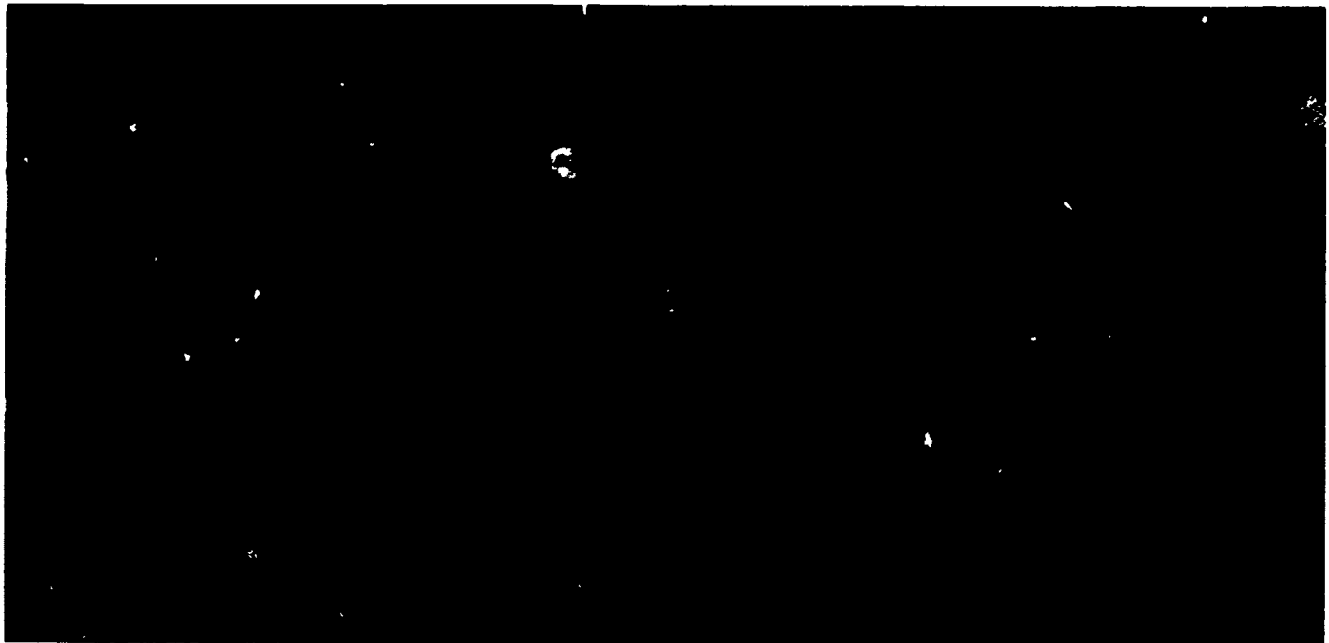
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